

Advisory Budget Committee

Minutes

October 20, 2020

This meeting was at the Barrington Town Hall with remote participation available.

Members Present: Steve Saunders, Peter Royce, and Dannen Mannschreck

Others Present: Conner MacIver and Amy Doherty (remote)

Steve Saunders called the meeting to order at 4:38pm.

The group started with a discussion about the Highway budget presentation. The group consensus was that more funds were needed for paving projects and equipment replacement. The group discussed the variety of funding sources and mechanisms to accomplish those needs.

The ABC recommends and supports increasing the warrant article for highway heavy equipment to \$150,000 and would like to re-evaluate this after the Select Board makes their final recommendation on paving projects.

The group will wait to see how the Select Board decides to increase funds for paving and will revisit the subject later in the process. The group is supportive of appropriating more funds for paving projects.

The group discussed the Building Department's new fee schedule which will result in a 25% increase over the current fee structure.

The group discussed the line item 4349-Consultants and would like to know if there are planned expenditures or if it is held for situations which arise during the year.

The group discussed the line item 4754-Equipment and would like to get a detailed list of planned expenditures for this year and next.

Conner discussed that he wanted to create a technology replacement plan with the Technology Committee to regulate replacements and budget requests. The group was supportive of this approach.

The group discussed the line item 4560-Conferences and Training and would like to get a breakdown of how that money will be spent in 2021.

Conner gave an update on the current budget request which is down 0.9% from the 2020 budget.

Conner gave an update on estimated revenues for 2021 which are expected to be \$350,000 less than this year. He will continue to update the conservative revenue estimates.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Doherty.